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	Document Number	Issue Date	English Abstract
1	Office Action(JP2000-212445)	June 4, 2002	×
2	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H06-121842	May 6, 1994	○
3	Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. S58-190000	December 16, 1983	×
4	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H10-263098	October 6, 1998	○
5	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H11-142600	May 28, 1999	○
6	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H11-142596	May 28, 1999	○
7	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H11-114078	April 27, 1999	○
8	Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H08-184695	July 16, 1996	○